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10. Contrary to Applicant's remarks with respect to claims 21 and 24-27 on page 4, the fifth paragraph; these claims have not been canceled.

Conclusion

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PhuongChi Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-0729. The examiner can normally be reach on Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Austin Bradley, can be reached on (703) 308-2319. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-7722.

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